

SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

The Response to Comments Final PEIR Addendum for the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) completes the Final PEIR for the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), pursuant to Section 15088 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. This Response to Comments Addendum has been prepared by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088 et seq. The Final PEIR is comprised of the Draft PEIR and the Response to Comments Final PEIR Addendum, including minor text changes that cross-reference the Draft PEIR.

The Final PEIR is required under Section 15132 of the CEQA Guidelines to include: the Draft PEIR or a revised version, a list of persons who commented on the Draft PEIR, responses to those comments, and any other relevant information (including minor changes to the PEIR and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)).

The public review period for the Draft 2004 RTP PEIR began on December 19, 2003, and closed on February 9, 2004 (a total of fifty-two days). This document responds to comments received on the Draft PEIR and identifies modifications to the PEIR since the publication of the Draft PEIR. The Response to Comments Final PEIR Addendum will be submitted to the SCAG Regional Council (RC) for consideration. Once the Regional Council has certified that the Final PEIR adequately addresses CEQA requirements, and after making required conformity findings, the RC may approve the 2004 RTP.

Section 2 of this document includes a list of individuals and organizations that commented on the Draft PEIR. Section 3 includes comments received during the public review period of the Draft PEIR. Section 4 includes responses to comments received. Section 5 describes minor changes made to the PEIR since the publication of the Draft PEIR; none of these changes would alter the conclusions presented in the Draft PEIR. Proposed new text is indicated by underline and proposed text to be deleted is indicated by ~~striketrough~~. Section 6 presents the required Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.